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Dear Editor:

Most of my time in New Orleans during what the papers referred to as Garrison's "probe" was spent trying to learn what I could about Lee Harvey Oswald.

Like many others, I assumed that Garrison, a district attorney, would not take anything involving a presidential assassination to court without having a case.

I also erred in believing that what he was saying publicly was in response to official efforts to frustrate what he was doing. When, also belatedly, I came to realize that he was confusing and misleading the people, I spent a considerable amount of time in what one of his staff lawyers who helped me in it correctly referred to as "damage control." Among other things I did prevent his charging Perrin and the living and thus I did not name the alleged "hobo" whose name I give you but not for use, Edgar Eugene Bradley.

In this submission I fear you may find too long - and if it interests you and you want to cut it, feel free - I could not begin to tell your readers the truth about all Stone's untruths. Sadly, this much-honored man can't tell the truth even by accident. I've been keeping a record for the archive I leave for history.

I omitted one of his grossest lies in the hope that, as I suggested to Dave Snyder, you would consult your morgue and do your own story.

The autopsy pictures and X-rays were <u>not</u> denied Garrison, as Stone says. Garrison filed suit in District of Columbia Superior Court for them. I spent the night and early morning of the day of the hearing before Judge Halleck analyzing the frustrated "surprise" evidence, the suppressed report of the panel of forensic experts convoked by the Department of Justice. I had to be able to prepare the pathologist who was Garrison's expert witness. He could not be there until just before the hearing began. That report, by the way, reproduced in facsimile in my "Post Mortem," completely destroys the basis of the official solution. And, oddly, <u>Garrison made no use of it at all!</u>)

I sat at the counsel table with Garrison's lawyer, Numa Bertel.

The incredible truth is the opposite of what Stone says: <u>Garrison won the suit to have that corpus delicti evidence produced for his trial and abandoned it that very day, alleging another of his fantasies, that it was all a CIA plot to derail him</u>!

I have enough of a file to show that I did prevent Garrison's planned additional desecration of the fifth assassination anniversary to show that I did do it and how.

For your information only, because I do not want to involve any who might be damaged by it, Andrew "Moo" Sciambra and Louis Ivon, then chief investigator, helped me. Ivon sent his police investigators out to get for me what I needed. I have copies of the investigation Frank Meloche made at Mercy Hospital, where the suicide was taken, and of the handwritten morgue book, which could not be faked and which Garrison never bothered to have checked. He preferred his fiction that the body of a Venezuelan seaman was substituted for Perrin's and that Perrin was a Grassy Knoll assassin using the name "Starr."

I am 78, in seriously impaired health for a decade, which prevented my writing more books based on those many records I got by FOIA litigation, some of which established precedents and one of which got the Congress to amend the investigatory files exemption in 1964. Because of these limitations I have been devoting my time to trying to keep an honest and accurate record of what is known about the assassination and its investigations and of all the many commercializations and exploitations so that as much as possible of the truth will be available for our history. All I have will be a permanent, public archive at local Hood College.

I have no ulterior or hidden purpose in what I submit. When Garrison's book appeared, I annotated it for history but said not a word publicly.

But with the enormous audience the Stone movie will influence, regarding what he is combining with Garrison to perpetrate as monstrous and evil, I do take this time.

To the degree possible I will provide any documentation you may want to support this submission.

None of your reporters knew me well. I was, before writing six books on the JFK assassination and one on that of Dr. King - none advancing any theories at all - a reporter, an investigative reporter, a Senate investigator and editor, and in World War II, beginning in OSS, I was an intelligence analyst also used as a trouble-shooter investigator.

If you have a Washington bureau, any reporter is welcome here at almost any time and can have unsupervised, unrestricted access to all these FOIA reocrds and to any other information I have subject only to the protection of the rights of innocents.

We are not much over an hour from Washington, depending on the starting point and traffic.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg